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Tuesday, October 23, 1900, 8 p. m.

The Synod of South Carolina met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. W. G. Neville, from 1st Chron. 22:14. "And thou mayest add thereto." At the conclusion of the sermon the Synod was formally called to order and the Moderator led in prayer.

The following members were

Present:

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.—D. E. Jordan, D. N. McLaughlin, W. M. McPheeters, A. Sprunt, W. G. Neville, J. K. Hall, Jas. Russell, W. T. Hall, J. T. Dendy, W. B. Arrowood, C. G. Brown, S. C. Caldwell, R. F. Kirkpatrick.—13.

ELDERS.—D. G. Stanton, Bethel Church; J. McMoore, Bethesda; J. E. Craig, Concord; R. T. Gillespie, Ebenezer; J. C. Foster, Lancasterville; W. J. Cornwell, Pleasant Grove; J. F. Reid, (2) Rock Hill; A. S. Douglass, Scion; J. J. C. Steele, Tirzah; G. H. O'Leary, Yorkville.—10.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.—S. I. Woodbridge, G. A. Blackburn (2), S. M. Smith, J. L. McLees, A. L. Patterson, H. R. Murchison, S. C. Byrd, H. M. Parker, J. M. Harris, G. H. Cornelson.—10.

ELDERS.—Robt. Powell, Aiken Church; James Allan, 2nd Charleston; W. A. Clark, 1st Columbia; A. S. Bedon, Corinth; F. Y. Legare, Johns Island and Wadmallaw; W. B. Thompson, Orangeburg.—6.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.—A. A. James, T. H. Law, W. P. Jacobs (2), T. B. Craig (2), S. R. Preston, Robt. Adams (2), A. H. Atkins, H. M. Smith.—8.

ELDERS.—A. E. Spencer (2) Clinton 1st Church; E. L. Hughes (3), 1st Greenville.—2.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.—Jas. McDowell, N. W. Edmunds, W. J. McKay, W. W. Mills, J. E. Dunlop (2), J. C. Bailey, Robt. Bradley (2), W. H. Mills, W. W. Sadler, F. W. Gregg, F. H. Wardlaw.—11.

ELDERS.—W. H. McIlveen (2), Bethel Church; J. H. McNeel (3), Beulah; D. C. Shaw, Concord; J. S. Scott (3), Hopewell; Hugh McCutchen, Indiantown; A. L. Shaw, Mayesville; J. H. Cooper, Mt. Zion; W. J. Durant, New Harmony; J. A. McCaskill (2), Pinetree; N. L. Broughton (2), Pinewood; W. D. Rhodes, Salem (R R); R. R. Briggs, Summerton; D. J. Winn (2), Sumter; L. R. Jennings, Tirzah; C. McLaurin (3), Wedgefield; W. H. Kinder (2), Williamsburg.—16.

PEE DEE PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.—J. G. Richards (2), A. H. McArn, D. M. Fulton, E. C. Bailey (2), A. M. McNaull, J. A. Wilson, T. H. Newkirk, Melton Clark, H. W. Burwell (2).—9.

ELDERS.—G. M. McCall, Blenheim Church; W. F. Stevenson, Cheraw; J. J. James, Darlington; W. H. Breeden, Dunbarton; J. P. McNeill, Florence; M. J. Carmichael, Kentucky; D. T. McNeill (3) Kingston; J. D. Carmichael, Little Pee Dee; J. D. McLucas, Marion; J. L. Weatherly, Reedy Creek; W. C. Rose (2), Timmons ville; John Sinclair, Mullins.—12.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.—J. L. Wilson (2), Jas. Woodrow, J. N. H. Summerell, B. P. Reid, J. L. Williamson, D. J. Blackwell, S. L. Wilson, T. P. Burgess, W. J. Wyly.—9.

ELDERS.—A. B. Morse, Abbeville Church; J. M. Giles, Anderson; S. P. Boozer, Aveleigh; R. G. McLees, Greenwood; Geo. T. Reid, Morris Chapel; Geo. E. Taylor, Pendleton.—6.

Ruling Elder W. F. Stevenson, of Cheraw church, was elected Moderator, and Rev. H. R. Murchison Assistant Clerk.

Rev. Melton Clark, pastor of this church, spoke words of welcome, and proposed and Synod adopted the following as the hours for its daily sessions :

From 9 a. m. to 11 :45 ; then recede from business for preaching till 12 :45, after which resume business till 1 :45 p. m ; from 3 :30 to 5 :30 p. m. ; from 8 to adjournment at will.

Rev. Dr. S. H. Chester, of the Synod of Nashville, and Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, of the Synod of Memphis, were welcomed as corresponding members.

It was made the first order for tomorrow afternoon to hear Dr. Chester, Secretary of Foreign Missions, and the second order, to hear Rev. Mr. Lumpkin, Secretary of Education for the Ministry.

It was resolved that a conference on Home Missions be held tomorrow evening, when the Executive Committee's report shall be read and addresses be made by Rev. B. P. Reid, Rev. H. R. Murchison and others.

On motion, the Moderator was excused from appointing standing committees on Foreign Missions, Education, Publication and Colored Evangelization, in view of the fact that we have Permanent Committees on these subjects who will present full reports.

The Synod then adjourned with prayer till 9 a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, October 24, 9 a. m.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. N. W. Edmunds, D. D.

The Minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

The following additional members appeared, gave reasons for tardiness and were enrolled :

MINISTERS—G. A. Blackburn, Robt. Adams, J. G. Richards, E. C. Bailey, Robt. Bradley, J. Lowrie Wilson, J. E. Dunlop and H. W. Burwell.

ELDERS—W. C. Rose, Timmons ville church ; D. J. Winn, Sumter church ; J. F. Reid, Rock Hill first church.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES :

1. DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES—
Minister, Melton Clark.
Elder, J. P. McNeill.
2. BILLS AND OVERTURES—
Ministers, W. G. Neville, S. M. Smith and W. W. Mills.
Elders, G. H. O'Leary and A. S. Bedon.
3. JUDICIAL BUSINESS—
Ministers, Jas. Woodrow, W. M. McPheeters, S. C. Caldwell.
Elders, A. S. Douglass and F. Y. Legare.
4. HOME MISSIONS—
Ministers, W. J. McKay, T. H. Newkirk and J. L. Williamson.
Elders, R. R. Briggs and W. B. Thompson.
5. NARRATIVE—
Ministers, J. K. Hall and J. C. Bailey.
Elder, D. C. Shaw.
6. THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—
Ministers, J. N. H. Summerell, J. A. Wilson and G. H. Cornelson.

- Elders, Hugh McCutchen and J. D. McLucas.
7. FINANCE—
Elders W. J. Durant and J. J. James.
8. MINUTES OF ASSEMBLY—
Ministers, A. H. McArn, W. T. Hall and N. W. Edmunds.
Elders, W. D. Rhodes, James Allan.
9. LEAVE OF ABSENCE—
Ministers, S. C. Byrd and J. M. Harris.
Elder, M. J. Carmichael.
10. PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS—
(1) Bethel—A. A. James and A. D. Carmichael.
(2) Charleston—D. M. Fulton and L. R. Jennings.
(3) Enoree—Jas. McDowell and A. B. Morse.
(4) Harmony—Robt. Adams and W. H. Breeden.
(5) Pee Dee—A. H. Atkins and J. H. Cooper.
(6) South Carolina—A. L. Patterson and J. C. Foster.

A communication from Rev. Dr. J. N. Craig, Secretary Home Missions, touching the Invalid Fund and Assembly's Home Missions, was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

A letter from Rev. H. C. DuBose, D. D., of our China Mission, was referred to the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions.

Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, Chairman, presented the report of the Permanent Committee on Colored Evangelization, which after consideration in part, was docketed for further consideration; the second and following recommendations of which report being referred to a select Committee consisting of Rev. J. L. Williamson, Rev. J. A. Wilson, and Elder W. A. Clark.

Rev. B. P. Reid, Chairman, presented the report of the Permanent Committee on Education for the Ministry, which was docketed for consideration after the address of Secretary Lumpkin this afternoon.

The hour for hearing Secretary Chester was, on motion, changed to 12:45 of this morning's session.

The several Presbyteries, through their Stated Clerks, presented their Narratives and Statistical Reports. The

former went into the hands of the Committee on the Narrative, and the latter will be found in the Appendix.

Select Committees were appointed to prepare suitable memorials of the ministers whose decease is reported, viz :

✓ REV. CHALMERS MOORE: Rev. J. K. Hall and Elder J. E. Craig.

✓ REV. R. D. PERRY: Rev. D. N. McLaughlin and Elder R. T. Gillespie.

✓ REV. J. O. LINDSAY, D. D.: Rev. J. L. Wilson and Elder J. M. Giles.

Rev. R. W. Barnwell, P. E. church and Rev. J. T. Pate D. D., M. E. Church, South, were welcomed as visiting brethren.

The Synod recessed from business for Divine worship, which was conducted by Rev. G. H. Cornelson.

At the conclusion of these services, Synod resumed business and heard Secretary Chester concerning Foreign Missions. His address was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Rev. Dr. Mills, Secretary, read the annual report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, which went into the hands of the Standing Committee.

The Stated Clerk presented his report as Treasurer, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Synod then took recess till 3.30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.30 p. m.

The Synod resumed business and heard Secretary Lumpkin on Education for the Ministry in an interesting and impressive address concerning this work of the church. After which the report of the Permanent Committee was taken from the docket, the recommendation adopted and the report as a whole approved.

The Moderator announced the receipt of a telegram advising of the death of the Assembly's Secretary of Home Missions, Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., while addressing the Synod

of Virginia today at Newport News. The telegram was referred to the Committee on Home Missions to suggest a suitable expression on the part of the Synod.

The Synod then recessed from business till 8 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

8 p. m.

The Synod convened and the following additional members appeared, were excused for tardiness and enrolled :

MINISTERS.—W. P. Jacobs and T. B. Craig.

ELDERS.—W. H. McIlveen, Bethel Church, Harmony Presbytery ; W. H. Kinder, Williamsburg ; J. A. McCaskill, Pinetree ; N. L. Broughton, Pinewood, and D. T. McNeill, Kingston

The order of the evening was taken up and a Conference on Home Missions held, with Rev. Dr. Sprunt Chairman of the Executive Committee in the chair. The report of the Executive Committee was read and addresses made by Rev. H. R. Murchison, Rev. B. P. Reid and Elder W. A. Clark, after which a collection was raised amounting to \$39.50. The report was referred to the Standing Committee.

Rev. Dr. J. K. Hazen, Synod of Alabama, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and it was made the special order to hear him on Publication tomorrow immediately after preaching service.

It was made the first order for tomorrow morning to consider the Assembly's proposition as to a 20th Century Movement in behalf of Education.

It was also made the order for 10.30 a. m. tomorrow to select the time and place for the next meeting.

Synod then adjourned with prayer till 9 a. m. tomorrow.

MINUTES OF THE

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, Oct. 25, 9. a. m.

Synod convened and opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

An overture from Charleston Presbytery touching changes in its boundaries was docketed for consideration when this matter is taken up with the report of a committee to the last Synod now on docket.

The Committees on the Records of Bethel, Pee Dee and South Carolina Presbyteries reported, recommending approval. Adopted.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Publication and Colportage was presented and approved. (See Appendix.)

The report of the Permanent Committee on the Bible Course was presented, the recommendation adopted and the report approved. (See Appendix.)

The Rev. Robt. Adams, Chairman, presented the Permanent Committee's report on Foreign Missions, which was received, the recommendations adopted and the report approved.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Rose, Synod of North Carolina, was welcomed as a corresponding member.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented a report, which was docketed, and its consideration made the first order for this afternoon.

It was made the second order for this afternoon to take up the matter of Presbyterial Boundaries from the docket.

The order for 10:30 o'clock was called and the Second Church, Charleston, was unanimously chosen as the place, and Friday, 8:30 p. m. Nov. 8th, as the time for the next meeting of Synod.

The order for a conference on the Assembly's movement in behalf of Christian Education, was taken up and a conference held, Rev. W. G. Neville in the chair. Stirring and instructive

addresses were made by Rev. D. N. McLauchlin and Rev. Dr. Jacobs, when the Conference was suspended for the preaching services.

After public worship, conducted by Rev. Dr. S. M. Smith, Synod resumed business and heard Rev. Dr. Hazen, Secretary of Publication. The following was adopted :

Resolved, That Synod has heard with interest and pleasure the address of Secretary Hazen, and specially commends to our churches the plan of Sabbath school Mission Work as promoted by the Executive Committee of Publication.

The Chairman of the Committee on the Theological Seminary read the report of said Committee, which was docketed.

Synod took recess till 3 :30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 :30 p. m.

Upon the resumption of business the Synod heard the report of the Board of Visitors of the Thornwell Orphanage, which was received as information and the recommendation adopted.

The Records of Enoree Presbytery were, on recommendation of the Committee, approved.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly was taken from the docket, amended and adopted as follows :

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly have examined the same and beg leave to offer the following report :

I. We call the attention of the Synod to the action of the Assembly appointing a Committee to submit to the next Assembly for approval, a comprehensive, progressive and graded system of Bible Study. (Minutes pp. 637, 638.)

II. Your Committee finds on page 614, of the Minutes of the last General Assembly, the following record :

“On the overtures from W. E. Shive and W. L. Kilpatrick, asking that the Confession of Faith, Chapter X, paragraph III, be amended 'so as to read: 'All dying in infancy are elect infants, and are regenerated' etc., it is recommended that the prayer of the overtures be declined, inasmuch

as the present language of the Confession cannot, by any fair interpretation, be construed to teach that any of those who die in infancy are lost. Adopted."

They also find on page 643 the following:

Resolved. That in every edition of the Confession of Faith published hereafter, the Committee of Publication be instructed to insert, as an explanatory foot-note, the action of this Assembly regarding elect infants dying in infancy.

Having carefully considered the facts here recited, we recommend that the Synod overtures the General Assembly, which meets in Little Rock, Ark., to rescind the order for the publication of the deliverance of the Atlanta Assembly in the Confession of Faith as a foot-note.

The following resolutions were also adopted.

Resolved. I. That in the judgment of this Synod, it would be improper and inexpedient under the circumstances, for the Committee of Publication to carry out the instructions of the last General Assembly with reference to the issue of the Confession of Faith with explanatory foot-note.

II. That in view of the fact that certain Presbyteries here overtured the General Assembly, in case the above request is granted and the order for the publication of the foot-note to the Confession of Faith, Chapter X. Section III., is rescinded, the Assembly will then send down to the Presbyteries for their ratification and amendment to this section of the Confession that will make it read:

All infants dying in infancy being elect are regenerated and saved, etc.

This Synod in the interests of both truth and peace, further overtures the Assembly that it will refrain from any action looking to the modifying of the statement of this Confession.

Elder Jno. S. Scott, Hopewell, and J. T. McNeill, Beulah church, both of Harmony Presbytery, were excused for tardiness and enrolled.

Rev. W. B. Olliver, D. D., of the Baptist church, was welcomed on a visiting brother

Recess till 8 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

8 p. m.

Synod held the appointed Conference on Foreign Missions. Rev. Robt. Adams, Chairman of the Permanent Committee, presiding. Rev. S. I. Woodbridge, of our China Mission, addressed Synod at length upon China. At the conclusion of the address a collection was taken up amounting to \$43.11.

The following members appeared, gave reason for tardiness and were enrolled: Rev. C. M. Richards and Elders E. L. Hughes, 1st Church, Greenville and C. McLaurin of Wedgefield Church.

It was made the order for 10 a. m. tomorrow to consider the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary now on docket.

The matter of readjusting Presbyterian Bounds was taken from the docket, both the reports docketed last year and the overture from Charleston Presbytery. And on motion the whole matter was laid upon the table.

Rev. J. L. Williamson, of the select Committee on the report on Colored Evangelization, presented a report which was docketed to be considered as the first order after 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Synod then adjourned with prayer till 9 a. m. tomorrow.

FOURTH DAY,

MORNING SESSION.

Friday, Oct. 26, 9 a. m.

Synod was opened with prayer. The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Finance made a report which was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer of Synod, begs leave to respectfully report that it has examined said report and find the accounts correct, and properly vouched.

The Committee recommends that the following assessments be made on the Presbyteries for the coming year :

Bethel Presbytery.....	\$40.00
Charleston Presbytery.....	30.00
Enoree Presbytery.....	35.00
Harmony Presbytery.....	25.00
South Carolina Presbytery.....	35.00
Pee Dee Presbytery.....	15.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. DuRANT,

Chairman.

The Committee on the Records of Charleston Presbytery reported recommending their approval. Adopted.

The report of the Presbyterian College at Clinton was read and received as information. (See Appendix.)

The Committee on the Records of Harmony Presbytery, presented a report which was amended and adopted, approving said records.

The Committee on Home Missions presented its report which was adopted as follows :

The Standing Committee on Home Missions respectfully report :

There have been placed in our hands the following papers :

(a.) A statement from the Assembly's Committee of Home Missions setting forth the needs of that great cause, and the sums contributed by the several Presbyteries of the Synod during the year for its prosecution.

(b.) A telegram announcing to the Synod the sudden death of the Rev. Dr. J. N. Craig, the honored and efficient Secretary of this department of the Assembly's work.

(c.) The Fourth Annual Report of the Executive Committee on Home Missions in the Synod of South Carolina, setting forth the details of this work for the last year and making certain recommendations.

Your Committee in reviewing these papers find that this Synod has raised so far only about one-third of the amount asked of it for the Assembly's Home Mission work, and about one-half of the amount asked for the Invalid Fund.

We find that the Executive Committee of Synod has expended about \$4,000 in the prosecution of its work, and about three-fourths of this sum has been employed to push the work in the eastern section of the State. The Committee appears to have been both discreet and energetic in the discharge of its duty, and we cannot too highly commend the zeal and fidelity of its very efficient Chairman.

We recommend for your adoption the following :

Resolved 1st, That that the Synod has heard with deep sorrow and painful sense of loss of the death of Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., Secretary; that it desires to record its grateful appreciation of his long and eminent service to the Church of Christ; and that it instruct the Clerk of Synod to convey to his bereaved family assurances of the sincere condolence of this Synod.

Resolved 2nd, That the Synod commend anew to its churches the claims of the Assembly's Home Mission work, so vital to the prosperity of our beloved church, and that it urge its churches and people to greater liberty in the support of this cause.

Resolved 3rd, That the Fourth Annual Report of the Synod's Executive Committee of Home Missions be approved.

Resolved 4th, That in accordance with the suggestion of Synod's Executive Committee, the Synod extend to Messrs. J. F. and W. S. Jacobs, publishers, an expression of its cordial appreciation of the aid rendered the Committee by them, through the Home Mission Edition of the Southern Presbyterian, issued in February last.

Resolved 5th, That the Synod approve of the proposition to endeavor to raise \$6,000 for its Home Mission work for the coming year, and authorize its Executive Committee of Home Missions to take such steps as their prudence may suggest for the raising of that amount.

Resolved 6th, That the same Committee with Rev. Dr. Alexander Sprunt as chairman, be appointed to serve for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. McKAY, Chairman.

It was afterwards resolved that Rev. Dr. W. J. McKay be appointed on the committee in place of Rev. C. M. Richards, who is about to leave our bounds, and Rev. J. L. McLees in place of Rev. Dr. W. T. Thompson, who has resigned as Chairman of Home Missions in Charleston Presbytery.

The Committee presented and the Synod adopted this :

NARRATIVE.

The Committee on the Narratives report that narratives from all the Presbyteries have come into their hands, and from them they gather the following facts :

1. Most of our churches are supplied with the preaching of the word, and the attendance upon the sanctuary is good, though in a few rare instances laxness prevails.

2. Family worship is greatly neglected with a very few encouraging exceptions.

3. The observance of the Sabbath is generally good, though in some places a tendency to laxness is noticeable.

4. The training of children in the Sabbath School is good, but the home training is greatly neglected.

5. Our people are generally faithful in worshipping the Lord with their substance, though many of them are not as faithful as they should be.

6. A large majority of our churches meet their financial obligations to their pastors fully and promptly, though in several of our Presbyteries there have been a number of failures in this respect.

7. There have been few special manifestations of the Holy Spirit during the last year, though in many cases there has been encouraging spiritual growth.

8. In many of our churches worldly conformity prevails to too great an extent.

9. Few of our churches are engaged in evangelistic labors beyond their bounds.

J. K. HALL, Chairman.

Rev. Dr. McPheeters presented the following paper which was adopted :

Whereas the Assembly has resolved to mark the incoming of the 20th century by an effort to raise the sum of \$1,000,000 for the educational institutions of the church, and

Whereas it has solicited the co-operation of this, along with other Synods, in the execution of this plan, therefore be it

Resolved 1st. That this Synod hereby appoints Rev. W. G. Neville and J. H. Thornwell, D. D. and Elders C. E. Graham, W. A. Clark, W. F. Stevenson, a Committee to co-operate with similar Committees as they are appointed by our sister Synod in the furtherance of the Assembly's plan.

Resolved 2nd. That it shall be the duty of this Committee

to stimulate in all of our congregations an intelligent interest in the prosperity of all such institutions within our bounds as aim to provide for our youth of both sexes an education informed and moulded by distinctly Christian principles and ideals.

Resolved 3rd. That it shall be the specific business of this Committee to raise funds for the better equipment of such institutions as by their charters are the properties of the Presbyterian Church, whether the administration of the same be Synodical, Presbyterial or congregational.

Resolved 4th. That, without going into details, which are left to the Committee, the Synod will expect this Committee

(1) To provide for the preparation and for the dissemination through both the religious and secular press of such information as to the importance of this general cause, and as to the work, the need and the claims of these respective institutions as will tend to enlist the hearty interest of the Presbyterian people of this Synod, and to solicit the liberality indispensable to the attainment of this end.

(2) To arrange for Twentieth Century meetings in as large a number of the congregations of Synod as may be practicable at which addresses will be made by persons agreed upon between Synod's Committee and the officers of the particular church in which the meeting is being held, the purpose of these addresses being to deepen and give definiteness to interest awakened by other means.

Resolved 5th, That Synod earnestly request all its congregations cordially to co-operate with Synod's Committee in the prosecution of its work, and expresses the hope that all ministers and laymen to whom the Synod's Committee may apply for articles or for addresses, will, as far as practicable, lend themselves to the service of the Committee and of the Church in bringing this important undertaking to a worthy conclusion.

The report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary was taken from the docket and pending its consideration the hour for divine worship arrived and synod took recess until its close.

After preaching by the Rev. D. N. McLauchlin, Synod resumed business.

Rev. H. J. Cauthen, M. E. Church, South, was invited and welcomed as a visiting brother.

The report on the Theological Seminary was again taken up and considered until the hour for recess.

MINUTES OF THE
AFTERNOON SESSION.

3:30 p. m.

The unfinished business was resumed and the report on the Theological Seminary was amended and adopted as follows :

Nothing in the Report of the Board of Directors needs special action except the alarming issue confronting us, viz : that the expenses are yearly from \$1000 to \$2000 greater than the income from all sources. To meet this deficiency the Board finds it necessary to draw upon the invested funds. It is imperative that this issue be met immediately.

But two alternatives suggest themselves to your Committee :

Either 1st to close the Seminary temporarily until the interest from the invested funds shall so increase the endowment that the income therefrom arising, shall place the Institution beyond all possible future embarrassment ; or 2nd, That we take decisive steps to raise annually \$2000, an amount sufficient to meet the present yearly deficiency ; and also an endowment which shall place the Seminary upon an unquestionably solid financial foundation.

We therefore recommend, that the Board of Directors place a Financial agent in the field to raise an endowment of \$100,000.

2. That in order to supplement the income of the Seminary so as to meet the annual expenses thereof, the churches of this Synod are requested to take up a collection for this purpose on some convenient Sabbath in January 1901 ; and that the Pastors of the several churches be requested to bring this matter before their respective congregations and to urge upon them a liberal support of the Institution.

3. That a Committee of three (3) be appointed by the Moderator to take charge of this matter, and to take the needful steps to bring the same prominently before the churches.

4. That this action be communicated at once to those of the controlling Synods which have not yet met.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee under the 3rd recommendation : Elder W. A. Clark. Rev. Geo. H. Cornelson and Rev. B. P. Reid.

The following resolutions offered by the Rev. Dr. Woodrow was also unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Synod of South Carolina decline to consider the question of the removal of the Theological Seminary from Columbia.

Rev. J. G. Richards and Rev. W. G. Neville were re-elected Directors to serve for three years.

Rev. Dr. W. J. McKay presented the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved: That in the movement to raise the 20th century fund, this Synod hereby instructs its Committee to place the endowment of our Theological Seminary in the foreground as of first importance among all our educational institutions.

The report of the Select Committee on the report of the Permanent Committee on Colored Evangelization, was taken from the docket; and with certain amendments proposed, the recommendation was adopted and the report approved.

The following was adopted as an amendment to the report:

That the Synod's Committee of Colored Evangelization be directed to communicate with the Assembly's Committee on Colored Evangelization with a view to a copartnership in running the Ferguson and Williams Institute and defraying the expenses of the same on this general basis; that the Assembly pay two-thirds of the expenses and the Synod of South Carolina one-third; that they be empowered to conclude such arrangements; that should the committee fail in securing such arrangements, that they do the best they can to keep the institution open during the coming year, and that the matter of determining the per cent. of our funds to be sent to Assembly's Treasurer be left with our Synod's Committee.

Rev. R. H. Nall, D. D., was appointed Chairman of the Permanent Committee, in view of the expected removal of Rev. J. N. H. Summerell.) ✓

The report on the Minutes of the Assembly docketed last year for consideration at this meeting, was on motion docketed for consideration at next Synod.) ✓

Rev. Dr. Edmunds, for the Committee, presented a memorial of Rev. A. E. Chandler, deceased, which was put on the docket to be heard at the next Synod.) ✓

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented and Synod approved the following report:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence report that the following Brethren have rendered excuses and have been excused.

FOR NON-ATTENDANCE AT SYNOD OF 1899—Revs. Chalmers Fraser and J. M. Harris.

FOR NON-ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING—Revs. D. J. Brimm, D. D., Chalmers Fraser, W. S. Bean, D. D., D. S. McAllister, W. H. Workman and J. H. Thornwell, D. D.

FROM ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING AFTER WEDNESDAY—Revs. H. M. Parker and H. R. Murchison, Elder G. E. Taylor.

AFTER THURSDAY AFTERNOON—Revs. J. L. Wilson, D. D., A. H. Atkins, Elders G. H. O'Leary, A. S. Douglass, R. T. Gillespie, J. M. Giles, A. B. Morse, Jas. Allan, F. Y. Legare, J. D. McLucas and H. McCutchen.

AFTER FRIDAY MORNING—Rev. T. H. Newkirk.

S. C. BYRD, Chairman.

Rev. J. N. H. Sammerell presented and Synod adopted the following vote of thanks :

In parting from the friends who have entertained the members of this Synod we desire, by a rising vote, to place on record our grateful appreciation of the hospitality which we have here enjoyed. We return our thanks to the railroads for reduced rates and for the convenience of a special train. We thank the Committee of Entertainment for their perfect arrangements for our comfort and for their unremitting attentions ; and we congratulate ourselves upon the complete success of their endeavors to make our sessions profitable and our sojourn pleasant.

We invoke God's blessing upon all the Master's work throughout the town, especially upon the church where we have met, upon her pastor and officers—upon all her members and their various labors in the vineyard here.

Brethren, "God be with you till we meet again."

The Committee on Rules was directed to report at the next meeting.

The Minutes of today's Session were read and approved.

Synod then took recess till 8 p. m., when, in connection with a preaching service, the Lord's Supper is to be celebrated.

EVENING SESSION.

8 p. m.

The Synod Assembled and engaged in divine worship, and after preaching by Rev. W. B. Arrowood, the Lord's Supper was celebrated.

At the conclusion, the Synod adjourned with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction, to meet in the Second Church Charleston, Friday, November 8th, 8.30 p. m.

W. F. STEVENSON,
Moderator.

THOS. H. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

I.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

BETHEL PRESBYTERY

Respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of 28 Ministers and 58 Churches, and has under its care, 1 Licentiate and 8 Candidates for the Ministry.

It has received Rev. C. G. Brown from North Alabama Presbytery, Rev. S. C. Caldwell from Asheville Presbytery, and Candidate R. F. Kirkpatrick from the Presbytery of North Alabama.

It has licensed F. A. Drennan and R. F. Kirkpatrick to preach the gospel, and has ordained Licentiate Kirkpatrick to the full work of the Ministry.

It has established the pastoral relation between Rev. W. B. Arrowood and Bethel; between Rev. C. G. Brown and Pleasant Grove, Hebron and Catholic.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. M. McLain and Allison Creek and Beth Shiloh; between Rev. F. W. Gregg and Zion and Uriel; between Rev. J. G. Herndon and Aimwell and Longtown.

It has dismissed Rev. J. M. McLain to Concord Presbytery; Rev. J. G. Herndon to Atlanta Presbytery; Rev. F. W. Gregg and Licentiate F. H. Wardlaw to Harmony Presbytery; Rev. D. S. McAllister to Enoree Presbytery, and Licentiate D. M. Douglas to Asheville Presbytery.

It has lost by death Rev. Chalmers Moore and Rev. R. D. Perry.

ALEXANDER SPRUNT, Stated Clerk.

THE CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY

Respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina in session at Florence, S. C., October 23, 1900, that it consists of 24 Ministers and 32 Churches; and has under its care 2 Licentiates and 5 Candidates for the Ministry.

It has licensed Mr. Kenneth McCaskill. It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. A. L. Patterson and the Wilton Church and allowed the call from the Walterboro Church to be amended by giving said church three-fourths of his time instead of one-half; also dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. L. H. Baldwin and the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Charleston, S. C.; also between Rev. W. T. Thompson D. D., and the First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, S. C.

It has dissolved the Fort Motte Church upon their own request and assigned membership to its members in the Second Presbyterian Church, Columbia, S. C.

It has received Rev. R. P. Walker, by letter, from Ouachita Presbytery.

It has granted a letter of dismissal to licentiate Tozi Takada to the Naniwa Presbytery, Japan.

It has received Mr. Kenneth McCaskill by letter from Harmony Presbytery. Mr. Alexander Martin by examination, Mr. R. K. Timmons by examination under its care as Candidates for the Ministry.

HUGH R. MURCHISON, Stated Clerk.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY

Respectfully reports to Synod that it is composed of 30 Ministers and 58 Churches, and has under its care 1 Licentiate and 8 Candidates.

Since the last Synod it has received Rev. John T. McBryde, D. D., from South Carolina Presbytery, and Rev. W. H. White from Concord Presbytery. It has also ordained to the full work of the Ministry. Licentiate H. Maxcy Smith as an evangelist for the foreign field, now under appointment to our China Mission, and has received from Concord Presbytery and ordained Licentiate L. E. Boston with a view to his installation as pastor of Rocky Springs and Bethany Churches. It has organized one new church, named Fulton

and changed the name of Spartan Mills Church to Spartanburg 2nd Church.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. H. W. Burwell and Fairview and Lickville Churches, and dismissed him to Pee Dee Presbytery.

It has dissolved also the pastoral relation between Rev. J. H. Grey and Bethany Church, and between Rev. A. H. Atkins and Whitney Church. It has further dismissed Rev. W. T. Matthews to Concord Presbytery and Licentiate W. M. Lewis to Central Texas Presbytery, and recalled the license of Mr. D. B. Simpson.

It has constituted the pastoral relation between Rev. G. G. Mayes and the Second Church, Greenville; Rev. C. B. Ratchford and Nazareth Church, and provided for the installation of Rev. W. H. White as pastor of Lockhart, Mt. Tabor (U) and Cane Creek Churches.

It has received as Candidates for the Ministry Mr. W. B. Doyle from the care of South Carolina Presbytery, Mr. Dawson M. Henery and Mr. Silas B. Wright, whose name was afterwards dropped.

THOS. H. LAW, Stated Clerk.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY

Reports to the Synod that it consists of 16 Ministers, 33 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 1 Candidate.

The pastoral relation between Rev. Jas. McDowell and Manning Church has been dissolved. Also the pastoral relation between Rev. S. E. Bishop and Midway and Bethel Churches.

Rev. W. W. Sadler has been installed pastor of Lynchburg, Beulah and Lake City Churches.

Rev. J. C. Bailey has been installed pastor of Pinewood Church.

Rev. Howard L. Patterson has been dismissed to Nashville Presbytery.

Candidate Kenneth McCaskill has been dismissed to Charleston Presbytery.

Mr. D. L. Thompson has been dropped from our roll of candidates.

Rev. F. W. Gregg has been received from Bethel Presbytery.

Licentiate F. H. Wadlaw has been received from Bethel Presbytery, and has been ordained.

W. W. MILLS, Stated Clerk.

PEE DEE PRESBYTERY

Reports to Synod that it consists of 13 Ministers and 28 Churches and has under its care one candidate.

It has organized one church viz : Mullins.

It has received Rev. W. S. Porter from the Presbytery of Florida, and Rev. H. W. Burwell from the Presbytery of Enoree.

It has installed Rev. H. W. Burwell pastor of the Bennettsville Church, and Rev. T. H. Newkirk pastor of the Marion and Dunbarton Churches.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. W. McClure and the Hopewell Church, and between Rev. E. C. Bailey and the Fairhope Church.

It has dismissed Rev. J. W. McClure to the Presbytery of Upper Missouri.

A. H. McARN, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Reports to the Synod that it consists of twenty-four ministers, 63 Churches and has under its care one Licentiate and two Candidates for the Ministry.

It has received T. P. Burgess from Augusta, and J. C. Shive from Montgomery Presbytery.

It has received under its care as Candidates for the Ministry, J. N. McCord, of Hodges church, and R. S. Latimer from the care of Tuscaloosa Presbytery.

It has licensed R. S. Latimer to preach the gospel.

It has ordained W. J. Wyly to the full work of the Ministry.

It has established pastoral relations between W. J. Wily and Greenville and Hodges churches, and between J. C. Shive and Piedmont and Slabtown churches.

It has dissolved pastoral relations between J. T. McBryde and Honea Bath, and B. P. Reid and Pendleton church.

It has dismissed Jno. T. McBryde to Enoree Presbytery.

It has organized Hodges, Oak Grove and Saluda churches.

It has lost by death J. O. Lindsay, D. D.

B. P. REID, Stated Clerk.

II.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Thos. H. Law, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of South Carolina.

I.

CONTINGENT FUND.

DR.

To balance on hand at last report.....	\$ 42 68
To assessment of Harmony Presbytery.....	25 00
To assessment of Enoree Presbytery.....	35 00
To assessment of Bethel Presbytery.....	40 00
To balance of Bethel for 1898.....	8 00
To assessment of So. Ca. Presbytery.....	35 00
To assessment of Charleston Presbytery.....	30 00
To assessment of Pee Dee Presbytery.....	15 00
To received for advertisements in Minutes.....	10 00
To balance due Treasurer.....	44 32

CR.

By paid Rev. Dr. Clifford for map.....	\$ 50 00
By paid for printing and distributing Minutes.....	123 50
By paid for 2,000 copies statistical table.....	11 50
By Stated Clerk and Treasurer's salary.....	100 00
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II.

TOWNSEND FUND.

DR.

To balance on hand at last report.....	\$ 72 00
To interest on investment.....	205 31

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By paid students Drennan and Wylly.....	\$170 00
By balance on hand.....	107 31

\$277 31

\$277 31

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. H. LAW, Treasurer.

III.

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The twelve months that have elapsed since the last meeting of Synod have been marked by some notable events in missionary history. Among these we may record as of special significance the meeting of the Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions, held in the city of New York last April. Representatives of many Protestant Churches and Societies, our own among them, there gathered from many lands, to hear reports of the work from those engaged in it, and to confer as to the best methods of extending the Redeemer's kingdom. The oneness of Protestantism in the effort to execute the commission entrusted to His church by our Lord, was thus signally and impressively illustrated.

The proceedings, when published, will doubtless furnish a large amount of valuable information.

We must also record the organized and armed opposition to all things foreign that has made itself felt in the Empire of China. Many Missionaries have been murdered and also many native Christians. Let us devoutly pray that once more the blood of the martyrs may become the seed of the church.

It is a cause for profound thanksgiving that none of our own Missionaries have been called upon to suffer unto death; and the same is true, so far as is known, of the natives connected with our missions. Temporarily, however, the fields have had to be abandoned, the workers finding safety in Shanghai and Japan. We call attention to the fact that this removal has necessarily involved considerable expense, and has created an urgent demand upon us for enlarged contributions to be made at once.

The Assembly's Committee, in a recently published communication, informs us that "In every other field but China, the success of the first half of the present year's work has been most encouraging, and in all of them the need for more workers is urgent."

During the year ending April 1, 1900, about 700 additions to the church in our Mission fields were reported, being about 175 more than in any previous year. The contributions from all sources received by the Assembly's Committee amounted to \$161,170, being \$16,180 in excess of the receipts for the preceding year. The number of Missionaries now on

the Assembly's roll is 163, being an increase of eight for the year. Of these, 49 are reported as being away from their fields on furlough.

None have been sent out from our own Synod since its last meeting; but one young man, Mr. H. Maxcy Smith, was ordained by the Presbytery of Enoree with the expectation that he would go to China. The disturbances in that country, however, have made it necessary to delay his departure. His support has been guaranteed by an individual.

The contributions from the Synod, reported by the Assembly's Committee for the year ending April 1st, are as follows:

From Presbytery of Bethel.....	\$2,865
From Presbytery of Charleston	2,624
From Presbytery of Enoree	4,275
From Presbytery of Harmony	1,687
From Presbytery of Pee Dee	870
From Presbytery of South Carolina.....	1,903
Total.....	<u>\$14,224</u>

This is an increase over the contributions of the preceding year of \$2,527.

By Presbyteries the showing is as follows:

Charleston.....	\$ 852.50	increase
Enoree	1,804.00	"
Harmony.....	442.00	"
Pee Dee.....	166.00	"
Bethel	418.00	decrease
South Carolina.....	319.00	"

The largest contribution reported from any single church is \$2,120.00 from the First Church of Greenville.

At its last meeting Synod adopted the recommendation of the Committee, that an earnest effort be made to raise an amount equal to one dollar per member during the year ending March 31, 1900. This would be about \$20,000.00. The contribution fell short, therefore more than \$5,000.00, though showing a gratifying increase over those of the previous year.

Your Committee would call attention to the recently published request of the Assembly's Committee, that our church unite with other Protestant Churches of the United States and Canada in observing the week, beginning next Sunday, October 28th, as a week of prayer in behalf of the work in

China and the native Christians "in the fiery trials, through which they are now passing."

Attention is also called to the fact that the Congo boat has been built and shipped to Africa; and that the Secretary has issued an appeal to the children to provide the \$3,000 still needed before it can be rebuilt and launched upon the Congo.

We note with pleasure that an additional Woman's Missionary Union has been organized during the year, namely, within the bounds of South Carolina Presbytery.

In view of the fact that a decrease in the number of paying subscribers to The Missionary was reported to the last Assembly, your Committee would recommend that pastors and sessions be urged to take such steps as will bring this most valuable periodical to the attention of the people, and to endeavor to secure subscribers for it.

We also repeat the recommendation of last year, that an earnest effort be made so raise a sum for this cause equal to at least one dollar per member for the Synod.

There has been referred to your Committee a letter from the Rev. Dr. Hampden C. DuBose, asking that the Synod overture the General Assembly to elect one of our Missionaries, who is to return to this country on furlough next March, as assistant Secretary of Foreign Missions for one year. We recommend that the Synod, while expressing its appreciation of the zeal of Dr. DuBose in the cause of Foreign Missions, reply that it is not deemed advisable to comply with his request.

Your Committee would also make the following recommendations:

1. That the Presbyteries be urged to consider the advisability of providing for county institutes on Foreign Missions, to be held annually, and to be composed of representatives of the churches in each county.

2. That a popular meeting in behalf of Foreign Missions be held this evening at 8 o'clock; that the Rev. S. I. Woodbridge be asked to make an address, and that a collection be taken for this cause.

3. That the Synod express its appreciation of Dr. Chester's very interesting address, delivered yesterday morning.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT ADAMS, Chairman.

IV.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON
HOME MISSIONS.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN : At the last meeting of Synod, the Permanent Committee of Home Missions and the Synod's Executive Committee of Home Missions were consolidated, and your present Committee was appointed to be the Synod's Executive Committee on Home Missions.

A general report on the subject of Home Missions throughout the Synod will be expected of us, both as regards Presbyterial and Synodical Missions. The work of evangelization and sustentation is still conducted by these two agencies separately, and they should be so continued.

I.

In presenting the reports of the work as conducted by the Presbyterial Committees, we let the Chairmen of these various Committees speak for themselves.

Their reports are as follows, viz :

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.—The Home Mission work in Bethel Presbytery is compassed in three ways :

1st. Money is appropriated by Presbytery to weak fields with the understanding that some mission point is to be cultivated if possible. In this way six pastors were kept in their fields during the past year, eighteen Churches supplied with preaching, and a number of mission points cultivated.

2nd. Presbytery gives the Home Mission Committee authority to appoint all the regular pastors to a limited amount of mission work between each meeting of Presbytery. This authority has been used to a considerable extent. In this way one or two vacant churches have been supplied with preaching and effective mission work done.

3rd. Presbytery urges all pastors and sessions to seek out and cultivate mission points accessible to them. Some of our pastors have been very diligent in this work, and in this way some of the very best Home Mission work is being done.

During the past year Presbytery has expended on the Home Mission work within its bounds \$1,022.

(Signed) J. K. HALL.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.—The Home Mission work of Charleston Presbytery has been practically paralyzed for the past year by reason of the uncertainty of the future boundaries of the Presbytery. The work that has been entirely of a sustentation character. Four fields have been assisted, and nearly all of the vacant churches of the Presbytery have been regularly supplied, either by Presbytery or by Synod. It is absolutely necessary that some final action be taken in reference to the question of Presbyterial division as soon as practicable if Home Mission work is to be pursued with any system.

GEO. A. BLACKBURN.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY.—Enoree Presbytery has supported one Evangelist, Rev. J. W. Query, in the northern part of our territory. He supplies three weak churches and four stations. He preached about one hundred and sixty sermons and received eleven members. The churches at our larger towns are doing considerably Home Mission work in their own midst through the direction of the Presbyterial Committee.

The First Church at Clinton appropriates seventy-five dollars of its Home Mission money to the work in Clinton.

The First Church at Greenville appropriates two hundred dollars to Home Mission work in Greenville.

The First Church in Spartanburg appropriates two hundred and fifty dollars to its own local work.

At Clinton the Second Church is sustained.

At Spartanburg the Second Church is largely sustained.

At Greenville preaching and Sabbath Schools and prayer meetings are held at two stations, at Poe and Monaghan Mills.

W. L. BOGGS.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.—Our work has been prosecuted during the past Synodical year more satisfactorily than for several years past. Owing to the judicious grouping of our churches in several pastorates and the faithful and self-denying work of the pastors of these groups, we have had no one of our thirty-three churches without preaching, in part. We have collected over \$200 for our local work, and expended the same in helping the weaker churches.

Bro. Reid has labored successfully in holding protracted meetings in a number of our churches, and collecting funds for the Synod's evangelistic work.

There is good prospect of the upbuilding of our cause along our northern line through the impetus felt there by the passage of the S. A. L. R. R.

N. W. EDMUNDS.

PEE DEE PRESBYTERY.—All of our churches have been supplied with the exception of the Horry field and that has been partially supplied.

We have collected from our Churches for local work two hundred and eighty-one dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$281.57.) Of this amount one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) have been expended on Church erection at our weak points, and we have assisted two weak Churches by supplementing the amounts collected in the congregation and have thus enabled them to have regular preaching services.

There seems to have been progress made all along the line in our bounds and for this we give God all the praise.

D. M. FULTON.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY—The work of the past year has been one of marked progress. The Presbytery's Committee have been diligent and efficient in their efforts to sustain the Gospel in the weaker Churches of the Presbytery and by the appropriations they have been able to make from their adequate receipts for the cause, they have sustained the preaching of the Word in several fields with temporary supplies and in others they have succeeded in making convenient and effective groupings. The work is decidedly promising and the Presbytery seems alive to the prospect. We rejoice at the statement of one new organization, amongst others, in the county of Saluda which has been up to this time without a church of our faith and order.

B. P. REID.

II.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS BY THE SYNOD'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR, OCTOBER 20, 1900.

The past year has been one of earnest effort, and, we trust, of much progress in the work of home evangelization. The large committee appointed by the last Synod has shown highly commendable zeal in the work entrusted to their care.

Two meetings of the committee have been held in the city

of Columbia during the past year, and the call has been issued for a meeting in the city of Florence, on October 23rd, at 9:30 a. m.

On February 8th, the publishers of *The Southern Presbyterian*, the Messrs. J. F. and W. S. Jacobs, issued a Home Mission edition of their paper, which was a great credit to them and of rich benefit to the Synod's work of Home Missions. The publishers deserve and will doubtless receive the cordial and appreciative thanks of the Synod for their efficient aid in our behalf, which they have so kindly rendered without cost of one dollar to the treasury of your committee.

On December 14th, 1899, the chairman of your committee attended a meeting of the Domestic Committee of Home Missions of Charleston Presbytery in the city of Charleston. The question of co-operation by the Presbytery's Committee with the Synod's Executive Committee was discussed and unanimously approved by the Presbyterian Committee upon terms, which were at a subsequent meeting of Synod's Committee accepted.

On April 10th, 1900, the chairman attended the meeting of South Carolina Presbytery at Greenwood, and after consultation with the brethren there received assurances of this Presbytery's readiness to unite with us in the cause of Home Missions through the agency of a Synodical Committee.

We rejoice to report to your venerable body that we now present an undivided Synod on this subject. We have reason, therefore, to hope for rich results in the prosecution of the work which appeals so loudly and becomingly to us as a Synod.

At the first meeting of your committee, Rev. James A. Wilson, Rev. James E. Dunlop and Rev. James Russell were re-elected Evangelists of Synod, and their spheres of labor continued from last year. The Rev. B. P. Reid was elected a general Evangelist, with special reference to the extension of our work in seeking new fields and in providing ways and means of supplying them. Brother Reid accepted the call of the committee, and began his labors in April.

In January, Rev. R. P. Walker was elected to occupy a field in Charleston Presbytery, and in June, Rev. Kenneth McCaskill accepted the call of the committee for work in the same Presbytery. The Rev. E. C. Bailey, Jr., was sent to Horry county for the month of July, and afterwards engaged to make semi-monthly visits to this field till this meeting of Synod, Rev. James Russell having been removed to Enoree

Presbytery on account of ill health in Horry county during the summer. These brethren constitute our working force today.

We herewith give thier own reports of their labors, with their prospects and expectations.

REPORT OF REV. JAS. A. WILSON—As your Evangelist I would submit the following as my report for the year ending October 23rd, 1900 :

1. I have labored exclusively during the year in Marion and Horry counties ; for 9 months in Marion and 3 months in Horry, preaching in all 142 times. No protracted meetings have been held except at Conway and Waccamaw, my work being strictly local, filling regular appointments. In Horry I preached regularly at 5 points, Conway, Waccamaw, Bayboro, Sanford and Loris.

The Horry field has increased in membership under the preaching of Bros. Russell, E. C. Bailey and myself, twelve being received on examination and seven by letter. The field is a promising one and needs a good man stationed at Conway.

In Marion county I have preached regularly at nine different points. Seven of these points having organized churches, viz : Kentyre, Pee Dee, Little Rock, Beulah, Dillon, Latta and Mullins. Of the other two points, one is a school house only two miles from Pee Dee ; the other a private home eight miles from Kentyre. The congregations at these points are good but no prospebt of organizing a church at either point. At the organized churches mentioned I have been able to preach only once a month except at Kentyre which gets two morning services and Dillon which gets two afternoon services each month. Beulah has no house of worship, but a commodious school house in which services are held.

Dillon and Latta churches are now completed at a cost of about \$1.100 each. The lot at Dillon cost \$235 ; the one at Latta was donated. The church at Mullins is bulled in at a cost of \$503, the lot costing \$50 of this amount. It will cost \$600 additional to finish this church, of which amount there is at present only \$121 in sight.

During the year \$1,477 has come into my hands for church erection. Of this amount \$120 came from the Synod's Committee and \$150 from the Home Mission Committee of Pee Dee Presbytery. This \$1,477 has been expended as follows : On Dillon church, \$657 ; on Latta church, \$297 ; on Bayboro Chapel, \$70, and on Mullins church, \$453.

I have collected for Synodical Home Missions from

Kingston, \$29.81; from Waccamaw, \$56.40; from Kentyre, \$184.95; from Pee Dee, \$102.25; from Little Rock, \$35; from Beulah, \$35. Total, \$443.41. Besides this amount I have secured promises amounting to \$152.

It is the opinion of your Evangelist that if Synod will help Pee Dee Presbytery to the extent of placing a good man in Horry county, this Presbytery can then do all her other Home Mission work without further aid from Synod.

As the result of evangelistic work in Pee Dee Presbytery during the last three years we now have church property at Waccamaw worth \$800; at Bayboro worth \$200; at Dillon worth \$1,300; at Latta worth \$1,200. Repairs have been made on Conway church at a cost of about \$300.

We have, too, a new church organization at Waccamaw with a membership of 24; one at Dillon, membership of 22; one at Mullins with a membership of 10. A nucleus has been gathered in at Bayboro, consisting of 8 Presbyterians, which may soon develop into an organization.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WILSON.

REPORT OF REV. J. E. DUNLOP, who is employed as Evangelist for half his time. He is Pastor of Williamsburg and Union churches for half his time. His evangelistic services are rendered at Georgetown, where he lives. He is evangelist for the city and county of Georgetown.

So far I find no point outside the city, in Georgetown county, where we could establish a church with any prospects of accomplishing anything worth the effort, though a number of points have been visited and services held. Six have been added to the Georgetown church—two by profession and four by certificate, with one application pending for further investigation. I have been paid on salary \$50 by the church at Georgetown.

The church building at Georgetown has been begun, and it is expected to complete it at a cost of \$2,000, or possibly \$2,400. The lot has been paid for, and there is in sight for the building about \$1,600. There has been contributed by this church besides Evangelist's salary, for Synodical and General Assembly purposes, \$53.48.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. DUNLOP.

FROM REV. JAMES RUSSELL.—*Presbyteries Visited:* Harmony, Pee Dee and Enoree.

In Harmony, I visited twenty different points, and found

much need of mission work in the lower part of the Presbytery, especially in Williamsburg and Georgetown counties.

In Pee Dee, my time was spent in Horry county, where we have three weak churches with two good Sabbath Schools.

In Enorce, six months of my time has been given entirely to Union county, where I found some of the churches closed up and others in a sickly condition and ready to give up. I am glad to say that there has been a moving amongst the dry bones, and signs of prosperity and new life can be seen amongst all the churches.

Statement of money subscribed and expended in building new churches and remodeling others :

Lockhart new brick church, with session house and class room, to cost when finished.....	\$4,000 00	Subscribed	\$1,300 00
Monarch Mill, cost when finished.....	800 00	"	300 00
Carlisle, cost when finished	600 00	"	300 00
Repairing and painting Mt. Tabor church.....		"	50 00
Repairing and painting Con- way church.....		"	125 00
Expended on Sabbath Schools		"	75 00
Total.....	\$5,400 00		\$2,150 00

These buildings were begun this year, and will be completed by January next.

Tracts distributed, 500; Bibles given away, 26; sermons preached, 204; pastoral calls, 372; members received, 58; baptized, 23; ordained, 1 elder and 1 deacon.

In many of the homes visited they had no church relationship, and in not a few I found poverty, sorrow and suffering. With tears they begged me to return, saying that I had been the first minister that had ever entered their homes to offer them a word of comfort or cheer.

Your servant,
JAMES RUSSELL.

REPORT OF REV. R. P. WALKER—My work is to keep up small congregations with little material. Presbyterianism is very weak in this part of the State. Were it not for the

help of the committee these churches could not sustain themselves. There is some material here at all the points, especially at Crockettville (Harmony) and Estill. The Crockettville community has only one other church, Primitive Baptist, preaching once a month. I believe by degrees the people around there will come into our church.

Estill is a little town on F. C. & P. R. R. and one-half mile of the Southern R. R. It is growing some. There is no church building there; one organization—Presbyterian.

Appointments: There are six preaching points in three counties: Harmony (at Crockettville) and Estill, Hampton county; Barnwell, Allendale and Boiling Springs, Barnwell county; Beech Island, Aiken county.

Church Buildings, Five: At Allendale, Beech Island, Boiling Springs, Barnwell and Crockettville. No building at Estill. Have preached eight sermons a month, making 74 up to date. We also had several days preaching at Allendale, Barnwell and Crockettville by other brethren.

There have been eight additions to the church in all. Two on profession of faith at Beech Island; two on profession of faith at Allendale, and two by letter at Barnwell; also two by letter at Allendale. Three infants have been baptized.

Receipts for Home Support: \$311.85.

For Church Erection: Some repair work has been done on the Allendale church, but at what cost I do not know. A church building is needed at Estill but we have no money in sight for it.

General: Estill can raise near \$100, I think, for one Sunday a month. While few have been brought into the Presbyterian church in this field, it is believed the church has had a strong influence with the other churches, causing to work harder their people and their preacher.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. WALKER.

REPORT OF REV. KENNETH McCASKILL.—My field of labor is Bamberg, Denmark, Blackville and Langley.

There is but one church building in the field, at Bamberg. There have been three additions to our church at Blackville.

I have received in the field on salary, \$27.57. From what I can learn Bamberg will contribute to self-support about \$60.00; Blackville, \$100.00; Langley, \$60.00 or more; Denmark, don't know how much.

An elder at Blackville says we must have a church build-

ing here, but as yet we have no lot and no money actually contributed. We have made no effort yet to raise money. We have in the church only two *active male* members. We need church buildings at Denmark and at Langley, as the only public meeting places we have are the churches of other denominations. However, I don't say it would be wise to attempt to build now. We have some members (a gentleman and wife) at Langley who would contribute a large share towards a building at that place if the prospects would warrant it, but I don't know yet what we will do with regard to our work there. For several years the Presbyterians at Langley have had the use of a union building one Sunday out of the month. That privilege has now been taken away from us. It is claimed that the reason of this was our not keeping the pulpit supplied. We have included a statement of this fact in our report to Presbytery, and along with this statement we have asked their advice.

Respectfully submitted,

K. McCASKILL.

REPORT OF REV. E. C. BAILEY OF WORK IN HORRY COUNTY.—My visits to Horry county are semi-monthly, since August. I spent the whole month of August in this field. During my connection with the work I have preached thirty-seven sermons and made fifty-three pastoral visits and administered baptism nine times. I have conducted services in the homes and have tried to do as much work of personal character as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. BAILEY.

REPORT OF REV. B. P. REID.—Since the fourth Sabbath in April last, I have visited twenty-nine churches. Some of these churches I visited in obedience to the orders of Presbytery to confer with them about grouping and urge them to settle up balances on salary. Something has been accomplished in the way of better groupings for the churches and stirring them to meet obligations.

In seven churches protracted meetings have been held and fifty-seven new members added to the communion. Members who had ceased to attend worship have begun anew and officers who had ceased to discharge duty have begun again.

In nine churches collections were taken up. The money paid and that promised in the fall amounted to some \$280.

Since the last Sabbath in July, I have been making up a roll of supporters for the work. I put on the roll those who

will agree to take shares of one dollar each in the work and let the shares they subscribe be payable each six months until such a time as they see fit to cancel their subscriptions. This work has been done mostly between Sabbaths, and 376 shares have been subscribed and \$200 paid in on their proposition. Parties who take shares are allowed to begin when they desire to pay.

B. P. REID.

RECEIPTS.

From Rev. W. G. Neville, former Chairman.....	\$842	19
Synodical collection.....	44	26
Bethel Presbytery, all sources.....	672	75
Charleston Presbytery, all sources.....	899	92
Enoree Presbytery, all sources.....	242	43
Harmony Presbytery, all sources.....	175	70
Pee Dee Presbytery, all sources.....	866	27
South Carolina Presbytery, all sources.....	86	05
Builders' Fund, not otherwise reported.....	187	00
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	\$4,016	57

We have received from churches and members as follows,
viz :

From Bethel Presbytery.

Bethesda	\$40	00
Bowling Green.....	23	00
Rock Hill, First Church.....	55	36
Jefferson.....	10	00
Hebron.....	3	00
Ebenezer.....	25	00
Beersheba.....	5	00
Bethel.....	50	00
White Oak.....	10	00
Clover.....	5	00
Lancaster.....	35	00
Sion, Sunday School.....	5	25
Liberty Hill, Sunday School.....		64
Fort Mill.....	30	00
Yorkville.....	50	00
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	\$347	25

Individual Contributors :

CHESTER: J. L. Agurs, \$5. CLOVER: Mrs. E. E. Wright, \$15; W. B. Smith, \$5; M. L. Smith, \$2.50. GUTHRIESVILLE: Mrs. B. W. Kuykendall, \$5. WINNSBORO: A. S. Douglass, \$10; J. C. Caldwell, \$10; William Beatty, \$10; J. P. Caldwell, \$7; Mrs. S. A. Boyleston, \$5; J. P. Matthews, Sr., \$2; M. W. Doty, \$1. LANCASTER: Leroy Springs, \$20; Mrs. M. L. McCardle, \$5. YORKVILLE: C. E. Spencer, \$10; S. M. McNeel, \$25; Mrs. S. M. McNeel, \$10; Rev. W. G. Neville, \$25; B. N. Moore, \$25; G. H. O'Leary, \$50; G. L. McNeel, \$12. ROCK HILL: Ed. Fewell, \$25. HEATH SPRINGS: Dr. E. S. McDow, \$5; A. P. Brown, \$10. KERSHAW: I. R. Hayes, \$5; J. B. Magill, \$1; O. Floyd, \$1; Mrs. N. Stephenson, \$2; Miss Tranham, \$1; J. T. Stevens, \$5; J. M. Carson, \$2; W. B. Threat, \$2; J. A. McCaskill, \$2. COLUMBIA: Rev. Dr. McPheeters, \$5.

From Charleston Presbytery.

Richland.....	\$ 2 00
Columbia, Second.....	10 00
Harmony	74 95
Allendale	72 00
Barnwell.....	90 00
Estill	44 65
Boiling Spring.....	1 00
Beech Island.....	25 75
Bamberg.....	17 57
Denmark.....	5 00
Langley.....	5 00
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	\$347 92

Individual Contributors :

CHARLESTON: C. B. Jenkins, \$25; cash, \$10; Mrs. Gibbes, \$25; Mrs. A. J. Perry, \$10; Lamb Perry \$10; John Paul, \$5; D. P. Frierson, \$10; J. R. Robertson, \$20; Maj. F. E. Taylor, \$50; R. E. Seabrook, \$5; Mrs. A. K. Irving, \$100; Hon. J. Adger Smyth, \$25; T. Augustine Smyth, \$20; Mrs. Riggs, \$5; members of Second Church, through John B. Adger, \$75; W. S. Allan, \$5; James Allan, Jr., \$2; Miss King, \$10; Mrs. Riley, \$5; Mrs. Finley, \$5; Phineas Kent, \$5; Frank Robertson, \$5; Frank Rogers, \$5; Mrs. M. J. Booth, \$10; John W. Robertson, \$10. COLUMBIA: Rev. S. M. Smith, D. D., \$5; C. N. Smith, \$1; Mr. Norris, \$; H. Muller & Sons, \$2; S.

B. Love, \$2; T. L. Bryan, \$5; W. A. Clark, \$50; Jacob Muller, \$5; W. D. Simpson, \$1; E. B. Taylor, \$1; P. C. Lorick, \$5; C. H. Baldwin, \$5; J. M. Daniels, \$5; J. S. Verner, \$2; Rev. Dr. J. W. Flinn \$5.—\$552.

From Enoree Presbytery.

Spartanburg, first church.....	\$ 21 12
Greenville, first church.....	14 50
Limestone.....	7 00
Clinton, first church.....	3 33
Jonesville.....	4 00
Lockhart.....	19 50
Mt. Tabor.....	5 50
Carlisle.....	5 75
Santuc.....	2 00
Union Mission.....	2 00
Wellford.....	1 40
Fountain Inn.....	1 10
New Harmony.....	1 23
Union.....	6 00
Enoree.....	8 00

Individual Contributors: \$102 43

GREENVILLE: J. A. Russell, \$10; G. W. Taylor, \$30; C. E. Graham, \$100—\$140.

From Harmony Presbytery.

Brewington.....	\$ 8 88
Sumter.....	15 00
Williamsburg.....	2 09
Georgetown.....	2 00
Tirzah.....	6 00
Pinewood.....	3 20
Wedgefield.....	4 67
Summerton.....	25 70
Manning.....	31 75
Bethel.....	13 15
Midway.....	15 55
Union.....	3 91
Dumbarton.....	3 30
Richmond.....	15 00
Pinetree.....	9 50
Hebron.....	4 00
Hepzibah.....	4 75

\$153 45

Individual Contributors :

GEORGETOWN : Capt. B. Whitford, \$4.50. SUMMERTON :
T. S. Rogan, \$1 ; Miss Alvina Keels \$1 ; a friend, \$2.75 ; for
Builders' Fund, \$8. A member of Presbytery, \$5.

From Pee Dee Presbytery.

Darlington	\$102 36
Timmons ville	37 30
Cheraw	63 20
Marion	4 25
Little Pee Dee	105 25
Florence	75 00
Kingston	40 11
Waccamaw	71 43
Kentyre	184 95
Bayboro	7 42
Loris	5 00
Beulah	35 00
Little Rock	35 00

\$766 27

Individual Contributors :

TIMMONSVILLE : John McSween, \$100.

From South Carolina Presbytery.

Pickens	\$ 12 00
Easley	6 00
Walhalla	40 00
Smyrna	3 05

\$ 61 05

Individual Contributors :

Rev. Dr. Jas. Woodrow, \$25.

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Evangelists—Salaries paid to November :	
Rev. J. A. Wilson.....	\$ 900 00
Rev. J. E. Dunlop (half his time).....	433 33
Rev. James Russell.....	575 00
Rev. R. P. Walker.....	538 31
Rev. B. P. Reid.....	500 00
Rev. Kenneth McCaskill.....	250 00
Rev. E. C. Bailey, Jr.....	140 00
Mrs. Furguson at Mess Hall, Columbia, S. C.....	5 00
Expenses of Chairman to Charleston twice, Columbia and Aiken.....	31 25
Expenses of Chairman, clerical.....	20 61
Expenses of supplies for Rock Hill in absence of Chairman.....	4 88
Expenses of individual members of Committees to meetings.....	27 40
Charleston Presbytery.....	323 61
J. A. Wilson, for supplies.....	57 50
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	\$3,806 89

It will be seen that the receipts exceed the expenditures up to date by \$209.48. It should be noted that \$200 of this sum is held for the Georgetown church building now in course of erection, and was appropriated by the Committee of last year. The balance left in the Treasury is \$9.48.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

J. K. Hall, G. H. O'Leary, W. T. Thompson, W. A. Clark, W. L. Boggs, C. E. Graham, N. W. Edmunds, C. M. Richards, D. M. Fulton, John McSween, B. P. Reid, R. P. Pell.

ALEXANDER SPRUNT, Chairman.

V.

THE REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION.

The Southern Presbyterian Church has 317 candidates and 70 licentiates. Of these 23 candidates and 4 licentiates belong to the Synod of South Carolina. We have 7 less unlicensed and 3 less licensed candidates than last year.

They are distributed among our Presbyteries as follows:

Bethel.....	2	Licensed	8	Unlicensed.
Charleston.....	0	"	5	"
Enoree.....	1	"	7	"
Harmony.....	0	"	1	"
South Carolina.....	1	"	1	"
Pee Dee.....	0	"	1	"

In college there are 9 this year as last year; 6 at Davidson and 3 at Clinton.

In the Seminary there are 11 this year against 12 last year; 9 at Columbia and 2 at Union.

Five this year, as last year, are not studying; two are in business and three are teaching for funds to go on with study.

We have one candidate in a preparatory school.

Four this year, as last year, have been dropped. One for inefficiency, one at his request because of ill health, and two for charges of wrong conduct.

AS TO AID AND CONTRIBUTION.

Pee Dee received no aid for candidates and gave Central Committee.....	\$142 11
Bethel received \$375 aid for five and gave the Committee.....	432 40
Enoree received \$497 aid for seven and gave the Committee.....	253 29
Harmony received \$150 aid for two and gave the Committee.....	189 00
South Carolina received \$75 for one and gave the Committee.....	362 15
Charleston received \$225 for three and gave the Committee.....	175 09

If to the \$1,554.04 contributed up to the meeting of last Assembly we add what has been contributed since that time and personal contributions, our total contribution is over

\$1,675, about \$100 more than last year, and nearly \$400 more than we have drawn out from the Central Treasury. This difference in our favor is partly due to the decline in the number of our candidates.

Some aid has been given directly to candidates. Bethel reports \$50 of such aid and Charleston \$600. The direct aid in Charleston Presbytery is given to candidates of other Presbyteries.

The Presbyterian Chairmen all report favorably on the diligence and deportment of their candidates.

We call attention to the decline in the number of our candidates. We have only received five under care of our Presbyteries since last Synod. The membership of our Southern Church has increased since 1889 about 64,000, yet the number of our candidates is 317, the same as eleven years ago. The decline has been steady since 1894, amounting in six years to about 28 per cent. This is enough to fill us with alarm.

We thought at first that the decline was due to some local cause. The same decline is to be seen in all the English and Scottish branches of our church and in all Presbyterian churches of this country. As far as we have been able to get the facts various causes are assigned. To get at the true cause we believe some other facts must be considered along with the decline. There has been in all Protestant churches in the last few years a decline in the number of additions by profession of faith. There has also been in the last few years a decline in the attendance upon Sabbath schools and Bible classes. This decline has been marked in our church. Such a decline is noticed in the reports of the Scottish churches. Last year's minutes show such a decline in the Northern church. Now remembering that our candidates, accessions to communion and Sabbath school scholars come from among the young people generally, we see that there is a waning interest in religion among the young people. There is no doubt a similar decline in fervency of religious life among older people. The facts show that the decline in spiritual life has been widespread. Wars all over the world have lured the young with promises of adventure and fame. Corporations are springing into existence like magic and opening up to the young remunerative positions. Industrial education is booming in our land and inviting the young to make money. A spirit of worldliness and a wild rush for gain is, we believe, the secret of our decline in spiritual life and in the number of our candidates.

We believe that our Presbyteries are exercising more care

in the reception and control of candidates. They all report favorably on the diligence and deportment of our candidates. Very little effort, however, on the part of our ministers to call attention of their people to the nature of a call to the ministry and to lay the work of preaching the Gospel before the minds of the young, as enjoined by last Synod.

We recommend that our people be urged to pray for more laborers in the work of preaching the Gospel, and that our ministers be again urged to bring to the attention of our people, in their pulpits, the nature of a call to the ministry and the claims of the work of preaching upon the hearts of our people.

B. P. REID, Chairman.

VI.

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF
PUBLICATION AND COLPORTAGE.

I. PUBLICATION—It is enough to call attention of Synod to the cause in general, briefly stating that under the efficient Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. Jas. K. Hazen, D. D., the publishing house department makes the splendid financial showing of some \$116,000 assets in excess of all liabilities, with an increase of sales of 25 per cent. This department does not depend upon the benevolence of our members for success, but upon the practical ability of the Secretary and Treasurer and the Assembly's Executive Committee.

II. COLPORTAGE—Nine Colporteurs have been employed by the Assembly's Executive Committee, having different Synods as their special field of labor. Rev. L. H. Query was assigned work in your bounds. Mr. Query reports that he goes from place to place selling and donating the literature of the church and doing general missionary work in the home and Sabbath schools.

III. DONATIONS—The Executive Committee on this cause donated religious literature including Sabbath school papers, books, etc., to the amount of \$5,849. These donations are granted to mission Sunday schools and weak churches upon the recommendation of the Presbyterian Chairman of Publication and Colportage. Just how much of this amount has been granted to Sabbath schools in your Synod the Committee does not know.

IV. BENEVOLENCE—\$8,040 was given for this cause last year by the church at large, with a total membership of 225,890, making an average of $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents per member. We find that your Synod, with 20,128 members, gave \$754, an average of about $3\frac{3}{4}$ cents per member. We call attention to the gratifying increase in the contribution to this cause this year to the amount of \$109.

CONTRIBUTIONS ITEMIZED.

1. Bethel Presbytery with 5,535 members gave \$222.97, the number of contributing churches not given.
2. Charleston Presbytery with 2,553 members gave \$114.54, thirteen of thirty-three churches contributing.
3. Enoree with 4,505 members gave \$74.20, fifteen of the fifty-seven churches contributing.

4. Harmony with 2,251 members gave \$122.60, twenty-seven of the thirty-three churches contributing.

5. Pee Dee with 1,513 members gave \$82.30, fourteen of the twenty-eight churches contributing.

6. South Carolina with 4,065 gave \$138.33, seventeen of the sixty-two churches contributing.

II. INFORMATION—An attempt was made by your Committee to ascertain the status of church, Sabbath school and private libraries throughout the Synod. A circular letter was sent out for this purpose. Only eighteen churches were kind enough to give us the data. We tabulate this data and draw some conclusions:

Of the eighteen churches fourteen report Sabbath school libraries with a total of 6,884 volumes. Only three church libraries. About 555 families; only thirty-four libraries of fifty volumes each, and seventeen of 100 volumes each of religious books. The greater part of the books in the Sunday school libraries is for children. Only one church reports a stated income for increasing their libraries. Most of the books are old and out of date. It is evident that the church and Sunday schools do little toward collecting religious books and stimulating the people to reading this class of literature.

Eleven of the reports agree that a first class library adaptable to all ages and classes would be practicable and helpful. Four do not think it practicable in their church.

(Signed) HUGH R. MURCHISON,
W. J. MCKAY,
J. K. HALL.

VII.

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The work of distributing the Word of God, as conducted by the American Bible Society, has been vigorously and extensively prosecuted the last year. And from the information which has come to our hands there are two points deserving special attention.

(1.) The first is the relative increase of the distribution in the foreign field. For last year the Bible Society reports as issued abroad 832,497 volumes as against 574,304 in the home field; and the amount expended upon the work in foreign lands aggregates nearly \$192,000. In the prosecution of this work in other lands the American Bible Society issued nearly a half million copies of the Scriptures in China, almost all of which were sold; and has diligently pushed the work with encouraging success in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands.

(2.) The second point to be noted is the heavy falling off of the receipts of the Society for its last fiscal year. The gifts of the living fell off about \$5,000 as against those of the year preceding, and legacies were about \$120,000 short of those of 1899.

This is a lamentable and discouraging fact in view of the magnificent opportunities now afforded for the circulation of God's saving truth.

How far are the churches of our own Synod responsible for these meagre and inadequate contributions? The statistical reports to the last Assembly show that only 104 churches out of 271 made contributions to this cause, and the sum of the contributions reported is \$649. While this is an improvement over the reports of the previous year, both as to the number of contributing churches and the amount collected, yet it will be observed that this cause is entirely neglected by the majority of our churches, that the amount contributed is very much smaller than that for any other object of the Assembly's scheme of beneficence, and that the average per member is only a little over 3 cents.

The importance of this work of Bible distribution to all our schemes of evangelization, especially our Foreign Missions, our responsibility with regard to it, and the facility with which it can be done through the Bible Society's arrangements, can

hardly be appreciated, else our pastors and people would evince a more hearty interest in it and a more general support of it.

We therefore recommend that our pastors endeavor to inform themselves as fully as practicable in regard to this great department of Christian work, seek to interest their people more fully in its support, and strive by some means to get in the collection for it as ordered by the General Assembly.

In behalf of the Committee,

THOS. H. LAW, Chairman.

VIII.

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON COLORED EVANGELIZATION.

Let us resume the continued biographical story of the youngest ecclesiastical member of the Presbyterian family, whether elect infant or not, we are not now determining, for it is not yet dead, though the length of its official name is a continued menace to its health.

We would remind the venerable foster mother of the fact that the health of the ebony babe, never robust, is not yet robust. It is very lean and is still leaning, which is hardly attributable to impaired detention, as all its teeth are through, except its wisdom teeth. It must, for many years, be rocked in the cradling arms of our General Assembly, and be encouraged to walk alone, then to run and overtake the work that has waited so many years to be done.

The work has progressed during the year. But being so widely spread, and being so very thin, extensive and intensive progress combined, can only give us those results which some of us desire.

Throughout the whole church fifty-three negro ministers are at work; and to them has been paid \$2,714.82, an average of \$4.27 a month to each preacher. Of the thirty-seven schools taught by white people, three are in this Synod, and all these in Charleston Presbytery.

In Stillman Institute industrial features have been incorporated, to the advantage of the institution and the students as well.

The two Presbyteries, Ethel and Central Alabama, still hold aloof from the "Afro-American Presbyterian Church."

Three new churches have been organized in the bounds of our Synod.

The Ferguson-Williams College has had a most successful year, but owing to the failure to purchase that property, and the fact that no order was specially taken for paying the interest on the property, considerable difficulty was experienced in reopening the school this fall. But Mr. Smith gave his consent for the school to go on, trusting that the church will yet see her moral obligation in this matter.

FIGURES.

1. Bethel Presbytery—Thirty-nine churches contributed \$181; nine-

teen churches contributed nothing; the amount per member in the Presbytery was \$.0339; Aimwell church gave the largest per member, \$.118; Purity church gave \$23; Yorkville gave \$22; but there was a church of 208 members that gave \$1.!

2. Charleston Presbytery—Twelve churches gave \$179; twenty-one churches gave nothing; the average amount in the Presbytery per member was \$.0716; Edisto Island averaged \$.285; Columbia first gave \$45; one church of 175 members gave \$4; another church of 129 members gave nothing.

3. Enoree Presbytery—Twenty-seven churches gave \$206; thirty-five churches gave nary nickel; the average per member .048c.; Greenville First gave \$130; averaging \$.279 per member; one church of 368 members gave \$4; another of 198 gave \$2; five large churches aggregating 927 members gave \$9. !!

4. Harmony Presbytery—Twenty-four churches gave \$110; nine churches gave nothing, averaging per member .048; the largest average was from Summertown church, 18c.; Sumter gave \$17; one church of 100 members gave \$1, so as not to have a blank in the negro column.

5. Pee Dee Presbytery—Seventeen churches gave \$71; eleven churches gave nothing; the Presbytery averaged .047 a member; Florence church gave most, viz: \$28, an average of 16c.; but Timmons ville averaged .165; two churches with 120 and 126 members gave the usual conscience salve of \$1.

6. South Carolina Presbytery—Thirty-four churches gave only \$140; twenty-eight churches gave not a cent, averaging .035; Anderson and Abbeville tied for the largest amount, \$25 each; Greenwood a close second with \$24, but Abbeville "went head" on an average of 12c., with little Johnson next with \$1.15. Three churches with 160, 142, 121 members gave the princely amount of \$2 from 423 members for what have been called "the heathen at our back door."

6. The Whole Synod—153 churches gave \$887; 123 churches gave not a cent to the negro; Enoree gave the largest amount, \$206; Charleston the largest average per member .0716; Greenville First gave the largest amount contributed by any church, \$130, and the largest average per member was from Edisto Island, .285; 4,374 members gave nothing; 56 churches aggregating 3,026 members gave \$1 per church, which was .014 per member.

The deductions which we reluctantly make from these figures that lie not, are

1. That 20 per cent. of the membership of this Synod take no stock at all in this part of our church's work.

2. That 35 per cent. have a most debilitated interest in the Master's command, as far as laboring in this section of the immoral vineyard.

3. That comparing this cause, negro evangelization, which most beautifully blends Foreign Missions with Home Missions, comparing this cause with Foreign Missions, our Synod, judging by the pocket-book output, takes sixteen times less interest in the negro work at our back door, and eleven times less interest than in white Home Missions.

4. That the amount spent on the work among the negroes in Africa in our modest, though promising missions, is almost exactly the same as that spent by our whole Assembly on negro evangelization.

5. That the further off the negro is the more readily does our church respond in giving him the gospel.

6. That we seem to value an immortal soul according to the color of the skin of the body.

We recommend that \$1,400 be apportioned among the Presbyteries. Bethel and Charleston each \$315, Enoree and South Carolina each \$235, Harmony \$175, Pee Dee \$125.

J. N. H. SUMMERELL, Chairman.

IX.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of the Columbia Theological Seminary would respectfully submit the following as their annual report to the four controlling Synods for the year ending May 10th, 1900 :

With profound gratitude to Almighty God for his continued goodness to our beloved Seminary during the past year in the preservation of the lives and health of the Faculty and Students, we submit the following facts :

1. The number of students enrolled is twenty-seven, an increase of three over last year's attendance. One of these is a post-graduate from Princeton Seminary ; seven in the senior class, four in the middle, ten in the junior, and five special students.

Of these 27 students, 10 are from the Synod of South Carolina, 2 from that of Georgia, 3 from Alabama, and 2 from Florida. It is evident therefore that the Seminary is receiving but little patronage from three of the Synods pledged to its support. This is a very significant and discouraging fact.

Of the graduating class five received the degree of B. D., viz : Kenneth McCaskill, Albert W. Pierce, H. Maxcy Smith, Frank H. Wardlaw and Wm. J. Wily.

The following four received certificates : James A. Berry, John T. Butler, Robert S. Latimer and Thomas Parker.

2. The four Professors of the Seminary, assisted by Rev. S. C. Byrd, Tutor in Hebrew and Lecturer in English Bible, have been earnest, faithful and diligent in their several departments, and with the exception of Dr. D. J. Brimm, continue their connection with the Seminary as formerly. Dr. Brimm severs his connection with the Seminary by his resignation to take effect at the end of this session, which has been formally accepted by the Board, thus leaving the Chair of New Testament, Literature and Exegesis to be filled at this meeting of the Board.

To this end Rev. C. M. Richards has been elected Provisional Instructor for a year.

3. The invested funds of the Seminary approximate the sum of \$200,000, yielding an income of about \$11,600. This income falls short from one to two thousand dollars annually of meeting the current expenses of the Seminary, and to that extent

we are drawing each year upon the invested funds. In addition to this we have to confront the fact that each year, owing to the lower rates of interest, the income from our investments is growing less and less, with the prospect of a continued decrease in the future. It is evident therefore, that while our endowment funds are wisely and judiciously invested to the best possible advantage, yet our Seminary is not self supporting. This matter calls for the serious consideration of the four controlling Synods.

The Board would further state that by the exercise of the most rigid economy it is found impossible to keep the expenses of the Seminary within the bounds of its income. It is therefore necessary that some measures for the relief of the Seminary be adopted by the Synods.

W. W. MILLS, Sec. of Board.

X.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE
THORNWELL ORPHANAGE.

The Board of Visitors of the Thornwell Orphanage reports to the Synod of South Carolina, that it held its annual meeting on the 26th of June, this being the fullest meeting the Synodical Board has ever held.

After reviewing the work of the local board and approving the same, a proposition to amend the charter of the institution was entertained and adopted, by which the local board no longer consists of the pastor, elders and deacons of the Presbyterian church of Clinton as heretofore, but is appointed by the Synod's board. They are to be twelve in number. When so appointed they become members of the board. Meeting from month to month, through the year they attend to the internal affairs of the institution and such other matters as may be referred to them, and are under the review and control of the Board of Visitors. This plan will work well for the institution and will place the management of the institution in a satisfactory position. We recommend first that the proposed change in the charter be approved, and second that the present members of the board be appointed as representatives of this Synod to hold office under the new charter until others are appointed by the Synod.

During the year 200 children, beside some twenty-five officers and teachers and matrons and foremen, have been connected with the institution. These came from every Southern Synod. Next to South Carolina, Georgia furnished us the largest number (41) and Virginia and Florida came next. Several from outside places, notably Sweden, Cuba and Scotland, were under our care. For the support of all these we received \$16,957.91, about \$2,000 of which was income from endowment and sales and the rest donations. The larger half of the donations was made up of the regular contributions of \$60 or more for the support of one or more children in the institution by regular contributions—churches, Sunday schools, societies and individuals.

The year closed with a little over \$300 in the treasury, just enough to provide our household for one week ahead.

Our building work for the year consisted in the completion of the Anita Home (the gift of Mrs. Nettie F. McCormick) and the erection by our shop boys and their foreman of

Riverside Cottage, the gift of a friend who has not allowed us to print his name. We are in pressing need for the ensuing year of an addition of wings to our school building to cost about \$2,000, and also of about a thousand dollars worth of machinery for our Technical School.

The endowment of our Orphanage proceeds very slowly. We received from various sources last season a little above \$2,000. About one-tenth of the entire support of the institution is met by the interest on its invested funds. The effort of the General Assembly to raise a million dollar Century Fund leads us to hope that a part of this might be for our Orphanage endowment. We seek a sufficient permanent investment to meet through its income the salaries of all teachers and officers, and also cost of repairs and of fire insurance and similar fixed charges, leaving the current support of the orphans to the benevolence of the people of God. If an endowment sufficient to give us six thousand dollars a year for these purposes were raised, it would be an easy matter for the church to provide the support of at least two hundred orphans at \$5 each per month. We now have above one hundred orphans so provided for by schools, churches, societies and individuals.

In conclusion we do not hesitate to suggest that our brethren bear the institution upon their hearts. Thangsgiving collections in the churches, Christmastide collections in our Sabbath schools, and general gifts of a miscellaneous character will enable us to continue this great work. God is still with us and His mercy fills our hearts with thankfulness.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board,

WM. P. JACOBS, President.

XI.

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA TO THE SYNOD OF
SOUTH CAROLINA.

The College is beginning its 21st year's work, its charter dating back to 1880. In looking over its records, it is interesting to note the net results of these years of labor. Of course, we realize that it is only a small portion of these results can be reached in this way. We have no way of summing up the total of good done by such an Institution. Our figures can only give us an idea of the number of those who have taken the full course and have received diplomas. We cannot tabulate the benefits received by those who come, and after one or two year's study, leave before graduation, and this class is in the majority. While our graduates number 60, there are hundreds of young men who have gotten all their mental training at this college.

Of those 28 of our graduates, who, on leaving College were students for the ministry, 19 are now ministers of the gospel engaged in active work, 5 are still in the Theological Seminaries, 2 are teaching this year to raise the money needed for the Seminary course, 1 is dead and 1, Mr. Colclough, has given up the work.

This does not include several, who, after spending some time with us, went to the Seminary, and entered the ministry without being graduated from any college.

In addition to those who are preaching, 2 of our graduates are now devoting their lives to Y. M. C. A. work, one in Virginia, the other in Texas. So that about 50 per cent of our graduates are engaged in the great work of spreading the gospel. We are proud of such a record.

Of the 60 graduates, 39 have been graduated in the last 9 years, as against 21 in the first 11 years. We have 8 who expect to receive diplomas this year.

Our enrollment so far this session, is in excess of the number enrolled at the time of our last report to this body, and is larger than it has ever been at this time of year since we dropped our Preparatory Department.

We have enough in our Boarding Department to fill the Dormitory, but are able to accommodate a few more by giving them rooms in the upper stories of our Professor's Cottage. We are receiving new students every week, and expect to have

to turn away some for lack of boarding accommodations before the end of the first half-session.

Nearly all of our students, even in the lower classes, are over 18 years of age, and we do not believe that a steadier and harder-working set of young men can be found anywhere.

In our Faculty we have met with a severe loss, Rev. W. T. Matthews having given up his work for the College and returned to the pastorate. His untiring efforts did much to place the College on a firmer footing, and in parting with him we feel that we have lost a loved friend and a zealous co-laborer. We were fortunate in being able to again secure the services of Prof. A. V. Martin, who taught last year at King College. He takes up his former work in Mathematics and Sciences. Prof. McWhorter takes the Latin and English courses; and the Bible course, which was taught by Mr. Matthews is given to Dr. Bean, together with Mental and Moral Philosophy. Some of the work in the lower classes in Latin and English will be given to the Rev. W. F. Strickland, who will begin work as our Financial Agent next week.

During the past year a small mortgage on a portion of the property of the College was paid off, leaving us entirely free from debt. Several hundred dollars has been spent on improvements. New mattresses have been bought for the Dormitory, all the furniture has been put in through repair and varnished, and some painting has been done on the building itself. This, in addition to what was done the previous year, puts the plant in good condition.

We have received several donations of books for the College Library, and better still, some money for the purchase of new books. One gift of \$5.00 added 22 volumes to our Library.

In securing aid for our students, we have been more fortunate than last year. Those who sent us money for that purpose last year are doing still more this year, and only a few days since, we received a check from a Northern friend who had not given for that object before.

Our greatest need at present seems to be a new Dormitory. We cannot give advantage of our low rates to any except those whom we can accommodate in our Boarding Department, as out in town board will cost \$10 or \$11 a month. Our reduction of rates has brought us in a better class of students than we have ever had before. Almost without exception they are young men who earnestly desire an education, and who would be debarred from other Colleges by the expense.

In closing, I wish to quote from a letter recently received from one of our patrons, a minister in another State, in which he gives his ideal of the College in which he wishes to educate his son: "It must be a College, not large in numbers, in an old State, Presbyterian, in a small, healthy, intelligent, Christian community, that takes pride in the fact that it is such a community, with a Faculty, capable and devoted to thoroughness in the text-books of a college-proper, and interested in grounding students in the fundamentals of the complete man." In addition, he says: "Yours is to me the ideal College."

We have not yet reached our ideal. We see our wants and defects only too plainly. We are poor and needy, lacking in money and influence. Yet if this College in the 20 years of its existence, has been the means of saving one soul, of elevating one young man, who can say that its labor has been in vain.

Our Assembly has recommended to its churches the raising of a million dollar, twentieth century, educational fund. Our Synod should take part in this work, and our College does hereby petition the Synod for a proportionate share of whatever may be raised by it. \$25,000 would give us the needed buildings and equipments. A like sum, properly invested, would bring in enough to help to support those engaged in the work. For we would say, to any who may look upon our summary as a poor showing for 20 years of labor, that what has been done, has been accomplished without adequate means, and that no man has ever yet labored in the College, without doing so at a personal sacrifice.

If the results of our labors, as far as we can tabulate them, seem to be worth while, then we ask for your prayers in our behalf, and for your personal influence and endeavors as well.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. SPENCER.

By order of Board of Trustees.

Oct. 22, 1900.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

TO THE MEMBERS OF SYNOD :

We find that the printing done by the Allan Nicholson Press, of Union, S. C., is first class in every respect, and their prices very reasonable.

We recommend that any of the brethren needing printed stationery, circular letters, pamphlets, or church envelopes, have their work done by this establishment, whose ad. this is.

A. WISEMAN, Chairman.